

RESOLUTION 07-0405.01

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority has proposed widening the Garden State Parkway from two lanes to three lanes from Milepost 30 through Milepost 80; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is currently reviewing a permit application submitted by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority as required under the Coastal Area Facilities Review Act; and

WHEREAS, the section of the Parkway through Ocean County experiences congestion on a regular basis, especially during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the Garden State Parkway serves as a critical evacuation route for potential emergencies such as coastal storms, forest fires and the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating; and

WHEREAS, the Garden State Parkway experiences large volumes of regional trips to and from shore communities; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City is entering a third phase of development which will result in a significant increase in commuting and recreational traffic on the Garden State Parkway, and

WHEREAS, the lack of movement at the State level to widen State Highway 9, which is parallel to the Garden State Parkway, only adds to the regional traffic congestion problem; and

WHEREAS, any delay in widening the Garden State Parkway will result in increased traffic congestion, degradation of air quality and a decrease in quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a delay in widening the Parkway will also leave the coastal area of New Jersey more vulnerable to disaster in the event a regional evacuation becomes necessary.

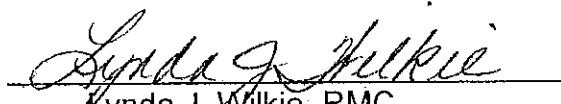
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Long Beach Township, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that:

1. It fully supports the proposal by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority to widen the Garden State Parkway to three lanes in each direction from Milepost 30 to Milepost 80.
2. It urges the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to approve the Coastal Area Facilities Review Act permit application as submitted by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.
3. Copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Land Use Regulation Program, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Municipal Clerks of Ocean County.

PASSED ON: April 5, 2007

CERTIFICATION

I, **LYNDA J. WILKIE**, Deputy Municipal Clerk for the Township of Long Beach do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 07-0405.01 was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held Thursday, April 5, 2007.


Lynda J. Wilkie, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk